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## Who Stole the Ashleigh Diamonds?



Macdougall the Butler is suspected; Leonora the maid is accused; there is a mysterious murder.

Who  
When  
Where  
?

A suspect is seen with a Black Box. What is in it?

From London to East Africa, to New York City, to California—mystery, intrigue, murder. Ghostly hands from the unknown snatch a costly necklace from—where?

Who is the man ape? Ah! there's the secret—a deeply-hidden mystery which you can solve by reading.

## The Black Box

The remarkable motion picture serial about to appear in

## THIS NEWSPAPER

Watch for the Opening Installment!

### Parent-Teacher Meeting

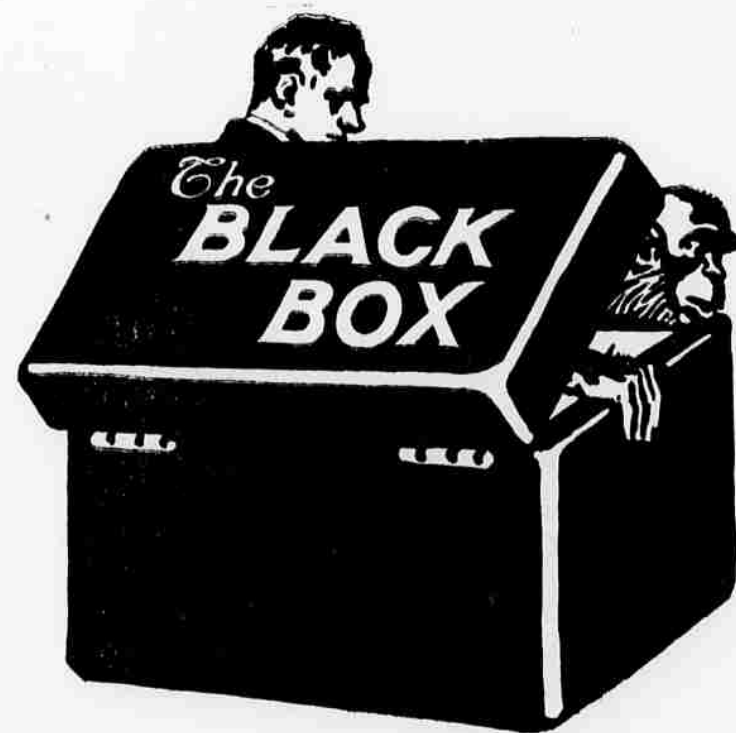
The Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the school house Friday evening. A literary and musical program will be given. Mrs. M. E. West will read a paper on "The Punishment That Educates." This is the time for the payment of the annual dues, as they must be in by Jan. 25.

The complete program follows: Music. Reading of minutes of last meeting. Reports of committees. Business. Music.

Paper, "The Punishment That Educates," Mrs. M. E. West. Discussion, Mrs. J. A. Hylton, Mrs. W. A. Black.

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Eggs.....20¢ Butter.....15¢  
Green Hides 10¢ Ducks.....10¢  
Rabbits.....8¢ Old Hens.....9¢  
1915 Springs, 1½ lbs. up.....9¢  
Geese.....7¢



## Can You Solve the Mystery of The Black Box?

It is one of those powerful, gripping stories that keep you in breathless suspense between installments. The thrills that the author, E. Phillips Oppenheim, has woven through the tale are guaranteed to satisfy every lover of action in fiction.

Read the story in this paper, then follow it in the movies.

First Installment in a Few Days!

### Tersely Told Town Tales

Lots of rain.  
Zero weather.  
Some snow this week.  
Sale bills at this office.  
Cash Store for Bargains—Adv.  
Old papers for sale at this office.  
Rev. Joseph Davis will preach at Cedar Gap Sunday.

A negro opera troupe exhibited at the opera house Monday evening.

J. A. Edwards has acquired the Yellow Front store and will close out the same.

J. L. Reynolds has just received a nobby line of Men's Overcoats and Caps—Adv.

Correspondence and other items crowded out this week will appear next week.

The I. O. O. F. conferred the initiatory degree on W. A. Glenn Saturday evening.

Jay Pope severely cut his foot last week and some stitches therein were required.

Dr. F. H. Riley, the dentist, will be at his Hartville office the week of Jan. 10-15.—Adv.

Go to J. D. Reynolds and buy a John Deere Wagon and Buggy they will please you.—Adv.

Still plenty of Bargains in all departments at the Cash Mercantile Co., the most of the best for the least.—Adv.

All persons are forbidden to hunt, shoot, or trap upon the farms of J. M. THIRKIELD. Adv. ROY D. HUGGANS

Let us send your subscription for the Springfield, Kansas City or St. Louis papers, or any other newspaper or magazine. We can save you money.

GONE ASTRAY—A large Dutch Jersey sow, last seen near stock pen Jan. 4. \$10 reward for her safe delivery to owner. Adv. C. V. ASHWORTH

T. E. Quisenberry and E. M. Harmon of Mountain Grove represented Wright county at Farmers' Week at the University of Missouri at Columbia last week.

Ava has a new paper, the Douglas County Democrat, by T. E. and A. E. Glass, whose experience in newspaper work will enable them to give the people a first class paper.

The evaporator of the Seneca Fruit Co. at Cedar Gap burned, causing a loss estimated at \$3,000. The fire originated about half an hour after being fired up for the day's run.—Seymour Citizen.

Injunction proceedings have been instituted to prevent the sale of the \$30,000 bond issue of the Seymour special road district the case to come up Jan. 17 at Marshfield before Judge C. H. Skinner of Bolivar.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting session with Mrs. J. A. Hylton Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments were served Jan. 25 a Hoffman meeting will be held with Mrs. N. J. Craig. Refreshments will be served.

The McCause Store Co. announces that they will close out their stock here at cost and discontinue their Mansfield store. W. C. McCause's services being required in the company's whole sale house at Springfield.

For only 25c you can read the Mansfield Mirror for 3 months. Subscribe now and read the Black Box; then see it at the opera house. If your subscription has expired, renew now. You can't afford to miss reading the Black Box for 25c. See next week's paper for further particulars. Don't miss the Black Box.

One day last week John Hershey went out to do some clearing, so it is said. He did not return to the house at noon, and his good wife waited for him until 3 p. m. Becoming alarmed at his absence, a search was instituted, with the result that he was found industriously working. Whether he had such a good breakfast that he was not hungry, or whether he just naturally liked to work deponent sayeth not.



OPPENHEIM is without question one of the most widely read novelists of the day. He is the author of "The Malefactor," "The Prince of Sinners," "A Millionaire of Yesterday," and scores of other novels quite as well known. He is the author of "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," which was recently published serially in the Saturday Evening Post, and he is also referred to as "The Prince of Story Tellers." We have been fortunate in securing his latest story

## THE BLACK BOX

the only story from his pen ever produced in motion pictures.

You Will Never Regret Reading It  
First Installment Soon

### School Notes

Attendance good.  
Pupils study well.

We have a good school spirit.  
Several good resolutions have been kept well.

Bad weather and carelessness have increased the number of tardies a little.

A few pupils have been kept after school lately to make up back work.

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the school building Friday evening of this week, at 7:30.

Lula and Minnie Dennis have missed several days lately on account of sickness and the bad weather.

A new supply of coal is being put into the basement this week. We need floor oil in some of the rooms and slating on the black boards.

The piano scarf made by members of the sewing class is in use and adds to the appearance of our beautiful piano. Each member helped with the border of tatting on the scarf.

Prof. J. A. Hylton and Frank Hoover went to Mountain Grove Friday afternoon to attend the high school declamatory contest. Mr. Hylton was one of the judges.

As a part of their work the members of the faculty are reading King's Efficiency in Education at their meetings each Tuesday after the close of school. Parents and others interested are welcome to join in this study of the efficiency of society.

The opening exercises in the high school for a few mornings will be a discussion of some picture displayed on the walls of the assembly room. The reports given have been very interesting and instructive so far.

The sophomore class is now fully organized with the following officers: President, Frank Hoover; vice president, Clelland Hitchcock; secretary, Lula Dennis; assistant secretary, Lockie Craig; treasurer, Hazel Burney; sergeant at arms, Sidney Grantham.

Mountain Grove, Mo. Those having Dr. Pike fits them with glasses, claim complete relief from eye strain and its distressing effects, such as EYE, HEAD, ACHE, HEART, NERVOUS, STOMACH, KIDNEY and FEMALE TROUBLES, etc. Sit down and write him NOW. Don't wait. You may forget it. He will be glad to send you GOOD, RELIABLE TESTIMONIALS. Adv.

### Personal Paragraphs

F. A. Cole was in Springfield Sunday.

Elmer Strong was in Springfield last week.

H. C. Tarbutton was in Seymour last week.

Mrs. Lydia Palmer has gone to Drumright, Okla.

Dr. F. H. Riley is doing dental work in Hartville.

Lester Stone of Springfield spent Sunday here.

Oran Charles visited in Springfield during the week.

Miss Maude Coday has returned from Branson.

Elmer Nichols has returned from Jonesboro, Ark.

J. A. Dennis of Hartville was here during the week.

N. G. Harris of Iowa is visiting his brother, C. F., and family.

Mrs. W. A. Black and son Francis were in Springfield Saturday.

Prosecuting Attorney W. J. Canniff of Ava was here Saturday.

Dr. R. M. Rogers made a professional trip to Cedar Gap last week.

Mrs. Velma Elkins and Miss Jessie Strong have returned to Springfield.

Ira Davis of Ava was here this week enroute to and from Springfield.

Rev. F. B. Longnecker, pastor of the Congregational church of Summer Hill, Ill., is looking over the Ozark country this week.

C. A. Beach and family of Ozark county were here last week on their way to St. Louis, where Mr. Beach is attending school.

The Mirror office has for sale at 10c each a few copies of the Scientific American containing an illustrated writeup of the Mansfield Good Roads Boys Club. Come in and buy a copy.

District Deputy Grand Master G. W. Tripp went to Norwood Tuesday, accompanied by J. W. Brazel, to install the I. O. O. F. officers, since they were not ready Friday, the date originally set. The second degree was also conferred.

Mrs. E. Coleman of Malhall, Okla., arrived Monday for a visit at the W. B. Hitchcock home, accompanied by Mr. Hitchcock's 13 year old son, DeWitt, who has made his home with her since he was 5 months old. He will now make his home here.

C. H. Baltzell, of Ft. Smith, Ark., former superintendent of the Ozark division of the Frisco, but now head of the Central division, passed through here Sunday in his private car on his way to his former home at Thayer to complete arrangements for moving his family to Ft. Smith.

Frank Braden of St. Louis, receiver of the K. C. O. & S. R.R., was in Ava Monday and Tuesday accompanied by a civil engineer. They went over the road between here and Mansfield, probably figuring on leveling up and straightening out the road bed.—Ava Record.

Fulton S. White of Springfield was in Ava yesterday. While here he visited W. F. Reynolds' farm, just east of town. Mr. White, accompanied by Fred S. Timberlake, left yesterday afternoon to visit the Andrews farm at Bryant. From there they will board a Frisco train at Mansfield going east and will visit Mountain Grove and West Plains before returning.—Ava Herald.

HERE!! I don't care what serial you have seen, I don't care what you might hear about any other serial, the Black Box has anything produced to date simply backed off the boards. You talk about mystery, you talk about stunts to hold you spell-bound, you talk about thrills, and wonder stuff—I want to tell you frankly that the Black Box is so vastly mostifying, so absolutely and unusually different, that it will hold you in a vice like grip for 15 consecutive weeks, written by E. Phillips Oppenheim.

## The Last is the Best

BEFORE the days of tango teas and fox trots, when we gathered at the home of somebody's best beau down in the Old Town, we used to "count out" for the games, and the invariable rule OF THE LAST IS THE BEST OF ALL THE GAME was a law that could not be disputed.

In a recent issue of the New York Herald, James L. Ford, in reviewing "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo" says that the work of E. Phillips Oppenheim improves steadily as the years roll on; and that his stories are as full of dramatic interest as ever.

True, and his VERY LAST story is yet the best of all. It has dramatic interest plus; it has individuality; it is inventive, scientific, ingenious, SKILLFUL—a story that will live as long as will the name of the author itself.

This wonderful story is "THE BLACK BOX," a mystery tale told as only Oppenheim can tell it. Plausible, yet seemingly beyond human comprehension; sensational, yet profoundly dignified, mysterious without a hint of cheap "blood and thunder."

THE BLACK BOX is full of action—gripping, soul stirring, thrilling—something doing in every line—never prosaic, never commonplace, never dull. Being written by E. Phillips Oppenheim it necessarily follows that the plot is original, that the situations are exciting, the denouement intensely dramatic.

And so "the last is the best of all the game," and as nothing is too good for our readers, this LAST and BEST story will be presented to them in serial form. The unique motion pictures of THE BLACK BOX, which were produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, will be shown at the same time in this city.

You will want to see these startling pictures, you will want to read this thrilling story; you will want to be among those who solve the mystery—who learn the secret of THE BLACK BOX.

## Watch for the Opening Installment!

### Obituary

Henry Heike, aged 91, one of the county's oldest citizens, died at Hartville Jan. 4.

Mayor E. G. Rutherford of Houston is dead. He was 32 years old and one of the wealthiest men in Texas county. He will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic men at Mansfield's big road meeting.

T. F. Lenhart was called to near Ava Monday to embalm the body of Mrs. Christian Strong, aged 79 years, who died at 11 a. m. that day of pneumonia at the home of her son-in-law, J. C. Paxson. The body was shipped to Carthage for interment.

A. E. Dougherty, one of Seymour's oldest citizens, died Saturday, aged 79 years, 1 month and 27 days. The funeral was held Sunday at the Seymour C. P. church Sunday by Revs. J. W. Needham of Seymour and Joseph Davis of Mansfield; interment in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. H. W. Turner, aged 30 years, died at Springfield Sunday following an operation for appendicitis. She was a cousin of Mrs. R. N. Farren.

The body of Mrs. Young of Coffeyville, Kans., a daughter of Wm. Coday of Mansfield, was brought here Monday for burial. Mrs. Young was about 35 years old, and leaves a husband and 3 children, besides hosts of other relatives and friends.

The heavy rains have caused Bryant creek to rise so high that the Mansfield-Ava mail hacks have been unable to cross the creek part of the time this week. Much difficulty was also experienced by the other mail men.

On account of the absence of some of the new officers, District Deputy Grand Master G. W. Tripp did not complete the I. O. O. F. installation Saturday evening but plans to do so Jan. 22.

## YELLOW FRONT STORE

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To the People of Mansfield and Vicinity:  
When you are in Mountain Grove  
EAT AT THE O. K. CAFE  
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Everything New and Up-to-Date  
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